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SUBJ: ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL TALKS POSTPONED AGAIN

SUMMARY: ROK-JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER DIET RECESSES FOR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY TO OUTMANEUVER LDP DIETMEN WHO ARE LEADING ATTACK ON GOJ FOR ITS WILLINGNESS TO HOLD TALKS PRIOR TO RELEASE OF KIM TAE JUNG. FONOFF SAYS GOJ IS NOT PRESSURING ROK ON RELEASE OF KIM BUT REALIZES DELAY OF TALKS NEVERTHELESS CONSTITUTES SOME PRESSURE FOR KIM'S FREEDOM. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED JAPAN-ROK MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WITH FONOFF NE ASIA DIV HEAD SEO WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TALKS HAD BEEN POSTPONED TENTATIVELY UNTIL DECEMBER 26. SEO SAID THAT PRESSURE FROM DIET, LED BY LDP DIETMAN TOKUMA UTSUNOMIYA (MIKI FACTION AND LEADER OF AFRO-ASIAN STUDY GROUP), HAS FORCED GOJ TO DELAY TALKS UNTIL AFTER DIET PASSES TWO ESSENTIAL ENERGY CRISIS RELATED BILLS AND RECESSES AROUND DECEMBER 20-22. DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED BY DIETMEN, STUDENTS, PRO-DPRK KOREAN RESIDENTS, ETC., ACCORDING TO SEO, THREATENED MAJOR POLITICAL INCIDENT WHICH GOJ ARDENTLY WISHED TO AVOID. FONOFF
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HOPEFUL THAT DELAY WILL TAKE STEAM OUT OF DEMONSTRATIONS

PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK AS WELL AS PERMIT CONDUCT OF TALKS WITH
DIET IN RECESS.

2. GOJ TOLD ROK, OFFICIALLY AND PRIVATELY, THAT DELAY IS
NECESSARY FOR ABOVE REASONS. GOJ IS NOT LINKING DELAY WITH
PERMISSION FOR KIM TAE JUNG TO TRAVEL OR WITH PROGRESS ON
ROK'S INCONCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION OF CASE, BUT SEO ACKNOWLEDG-
ED THAT DELAY OF TALKS CONSTITUTES FORM OF PRESSURE FOR KIM'S
FREEDOM TO TRAVEL. SEO SAID KIM'S RELEASE WOULD OF COURSE
DEFLATE ANTI-ROK SENTIMENT AND TALKS COULD BE HELD AT ANY
TIME.

3. SEO CAUTIONED THAT DATE FOR TALKS WILL REMAIN TENTATIVE
AND MUST NOT BE DIVULGED SINCE OPPOSITION DIETMEN, IF THEY
KNEW NEW DATE, COULD SABOTAGE GOJ PLANS BY DELAYING RECESS
BEYOND DECEMBER 26.
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